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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**
Eric Raspe et al. : Examiner: S. Chunduru
Serial No.: 09/646,924 : Group Art Unit: 1637
For: **USE OF ROR RECEPTORS FOR SCREENING SUBSTANCES
USEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS**

PETITION TO ENTER AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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SIR:

Applicants request that the Amendment filed on October 1, 2002 be entered into the record. In an Advisory Action issued by Examiner Chunduru on November 25, 2002, it was indicated that the amendment filed on October 1, 2002 would not be entered because the limitation "ROR α or a response element thereof" would require further search and consideration. Claim 13, in the originally filed claims which is dependent on claim 3, was drawn to ROR α or a response element thereof. In the amendment filed on October 1, 2002, claim 13 was merely incorporated into claim 3 without altering the subject matter of the originally filed claims.

Clearly, the amendment does not raise any new issues requiring further search and consideration since the originally filed claims included the subject matter objected to as requiring further search and consideration. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Also attached please find a check in the amount of \$130.00, the Petition fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h). Two copies of this page are attached for this purpose.

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